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SUBJECT: LEGAL ACTION BY U.S. CUSTOMERS THREATENS TO BLOCK B.C.

PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS HIKE

REF: VANCOUVER 609, 622, 642

1. PRESIDENT B.C. PETROLEUM CORPORATION HAS SUPPLIED COPY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR USG USE ONLY. QUOTE FROM B.C. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND APCO GROUP, NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION UNQUOTE: QUOTE GOVERNMENT OF B.C. PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH EL PASO AND APCO BY USING ITS GOOD OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF BURRARD THERMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERRUPTIBLE GAS BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO U.S. IF ASSURANCE IS GIVEN BY YOU TO THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

1) EL PASO WND APCO HONOUR NEW BORDER PRICE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 1973.

2) THAT THERE IS NO LOSS OF JOBS IN B.C. DUE TO INTERRUPTIBLE CUT BACK TO INDUSTRY. END OF QUOTE

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2. UNDERSTAND EL PASO AND APCO THREATENING LEGAL ACTION TO AVOID
PRICE INCREASE REFTEL 609. IF THEY DO NOT PAY INCREASED COST THEN
B.C. PETROLEUM WILL BE UNABLE TO PAY SUPPLIERS HIGHER PRICES AS
PROMISED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 1973. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ADDITIONAL
QUANTITIES FROM BURRARD THERMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERRUPTIBLE WILL
PROVIDE 50 MILLION CUBIC FEET PER DAY TO U.S. CUSTOMERS THIS PLUS
ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES AVAILABLE AT PENDLETON CROSSOVER SHOULD
REDUCE U.S. SHORTFALL SUBSTANTIALLY.
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